

Mackinac Bridge October Traffic Report

November 10, 2003

Robert J. Sweeney, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 414,221 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of October. This represents a 0.7 percent decrease when compared to the 416,971 crossings during October 2002. Commercial traffic for the month of October was down 1.2 percent.

Traffic for the first ten months of 2003 is running 4.6 percent behind last year's pace; 3,960,516 vehicles versus 4,150,066 in 2002. Commercial traffic for the first ten months of 2003 is up 0.5 percent over the same period of last year.

Fare revenue for the month of October was up 53.8 percent and 37.1 percent for the year, compared to 2002. This increase is due to the recent toll restructuring that was implemented on May 1, 2003.

	Traffic 2003	Traffic 2002	% Inc.	2003 Fare Revenues	2002 Fare Revenues	% Change
January	230,336	225,788	2.0	\$601,274	\$576,938	4.2
February	226,199	238,647	-5.2	\$581,708	\$604,214	-3.7
March	245,427	256,872	-4.5	\$617,334	\$641,746	-3.8
April	246,102	262,768	-6.3	\$612,611	\$649,797	-5.7
May	370,850	383,847	-3.4	\$1,323,354	\$866,318	52.8
June	464,103	493,491	-6.0	\$1,591,978	\$1,042,211	52.8
July	638,340	685,603	-6.9	\$2,066,579	\$1,370,229	50.8
August	673,205	692,396	-2.8	\$2,139,152	\$1,384,356	54.5
September	451,732	493,683	-8.5	\$1,541,121	\$1,055,364	46.0
October	414,221	416,971	-0.7	\$1,428,239	\$928,744	53.8